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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF SAN BERNARDINO RECEIVES FUNDS FOR ITS FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

(San Bernardino, CA) Funding approved today will help the Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino expand its youth, adult and family oriented programs.

In an action initiated by San Bernardino County 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales, the County Board of Supervisors approved \$10,000 to expand the local Boys and Girls Club's Family Support Program. The Program services 800 to 2,000 County residents, who participate in a wide range of core programs, classes and special events.

"Through our Family Support Program we engage the entire family in the healthy development of our children," said Clifford Hackney, chief professional officer of the Boys and Girls Club of San Bernardino.

"What we do here to encourage them not to drink or use drugs, to stay away from gangs and juvenile delinquency, and to aspire to education or employment goals beyond high school must be reinforced at home," Hackney said. "We also provide training, support and services to parents and other adults, giving them the tools they need to better their lives."

"Supervisor Gonzales toured our facility and saw the value of our program. We appreciate her continued support," added Hackney.

The Boys and Girls Club's Family Support Program also offers free

- English as a Second Language classes for adults
- Training to become volunteers, tutors, mentors and even entrepreneurs. For instance, the Program offers training for adults to become licensed caregivers.

During the Boys and Girls Club's annual National Kids Day, thousands of residents participate in the family-oriented event to celebrate and honor the youth and to strengthen relationships between children and adults.

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“This program does so much for so many,” said Supervisor Gonzales. “It includes an approach that seeks the betterment of the entire family unit and the community. I am pleased that this funding will help the Boys and Girls Club improve and expand its reach.

“Once again,” added Supervisor Gonzales, “this effort demonstrates how collaboration between the County and cities create opportunities to best serve our residents.”

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